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Flooding closes roads

Heavy rains cause widespread flooding in Haliburton County

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

There were wet basements, washouts and road closures last week with flooding in both the Burnt and Gull river watersheds.

With some 40 millimetres of rain falling on the area during a 14-hour period Thursday, March 31 and Friday, April 1, water levels in Haliburton County swelled.

Flooding led to the closure or partial closure of several roads in Minden Hills on Friday and into the weekend, with the park at Furnace Falls closed to the public.

Some Algonquin Highlands and Haliburton County roadways were also affected, many reservoir lakes in Algonquin Highlands filling to capacity.

In the village of Minden, caution tape went up as parts of the Riverwalk pathway were flooded and the town dock along Water Street overtaken by the Gull River.

While the water level in Minden fell during the weekend, the MNRF advised it was expected to rise again during the week as water in the TSW feeder lakes north of Minden makes its way through the system.

Information on road closures as well as flood preparedness is available on the Minden Hills website at www.mindhills.ca and residents can subscribe for email alerts.



A familiar sight

Minden's Riverwalk is overtaken by the Gull River on the afternoon of Thursday, March 31 as the area received about 40 millimetres of rain during a 14-hour period. See more photos on page 2. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Farming fastest growing sector, report says

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Agriculture is the fastest growing sector in Haliburton County.

That's according to a recent community food assessment performed by a number of partner organizations that, moving forward, will be working under the banner of Harvest Haliburton.

The results of the assessment – which examined food production and consumption, food access and municipal food policy in the area – are being shared with the county's municipal councils.

"We have more people moving to this community to do small-scale agricultural production," Rosie Kadwell, a dietician with the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, told Minden Hills council during a March 31 meeting. "Some of them are taking over the family farms. It's relatively more affordable than other parts of the province to buy land."

Kadwell said the county has gone from two community gardens to 12 in the recent past and that not only is there an increase in food producers, there is an increase in young food producers especially.

see DEMAND page 2

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How high's the water?

Left, viewed from Anson Street, a Minden resident walks along McKnight Drive on Thursday, March 31. Parts of downtown Minden were flooded as a result of the heavy rains last week. **DARREN LUM Staff**

Below, the Gull River viewed from Water Street on the morning of Friday, April 1. The chairs pictured are attached to a dock, which has been submerged. They are a common gauge for problematic, high water levels for many residents. **CHAD INGRAM Staff**

Demand for local food outpaces supply

from page 1

There is a growing local food culture in Haliburton County, with the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association growing to include three market locations since it was established in 2009.

Kadwell said more education is needed in the community about the benefits of purchasing locally produced food. She said that 73 cents from every dollar spent on locally produced food stays in the community, versus 43 per dollar from food brought at grocery store chains.

"We're moving into a less traditional approach to agriculture," Angel Taylor, president of the farmers' market association, told councilors. "We need smaller areas."

Currently there is no specific agricultural or specialty crop zoning in Haliburton County's official plan.

"Some of the policies we've included include language to support local agriculture," said county planner Charley White as she gave council an update on the county's official plan.

Councillor Jean Neville wondered if there'd been any communication with the province about easing regulations around the selling of eggs and poultry at farmers' markets. While pork, beef and other farm products can be sold at markets, poultry and eggs cannot.

Kadwell said Harvest Haliburton is a member of Sustain Ontario and that organization is doing some advocacy on that subject.

The assessment also found the demand for local food in Haliburton County far outpaces production.



Raising the flag for autism awareness

Minden Hills councillors and staff members raise an autism awareness flag outside the township building on April 4. April is Autism Awareness Month. From left are Travis Wilson, Colin McKnight, Dawn Newhook, Ivan Ingram, Luke Shapiera, Lorrie Blanchard, Doug Schell. Jeanne Anthon, Jean Neville, Brent Devolin and Mark Coleman. **CHAD INGRAM Staff**

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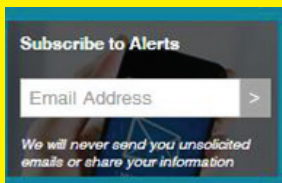
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Apr 14

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Apr 28

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May 1—May 30

AGNES JAMIESON GALLERY

HERE

by Chris Hanson and Henrika Sonnenberg

March 31—April 30

In October of 2014, Chris and Hendrika moved from an apartment and a rented studio in Brooklyn, New York to an old farmhouse on an acre of property in Minden, Ontario.

Over the last year they have worked on building a new studio/project space on the property which presently is nearing completion.

This exhibition involves constructed landscape sets based on the everyday environment they now inhabit and are juxtaposing with selected sculptural objects. Using photography and collage they created a body of work that explores the relationship between their past practice and where they find themselves now. In a sense, what "here" means for them.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider by-laws to stop up, close, and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. SRA-14-15:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bow Lake, lying in front of Lot 21 & 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Snowdon, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9772, registered August 27, 2015.
2. **File No. SRA-15-08:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake & Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 & 2, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9832, registered March 18, 2016.
3. **File No. SRA-15-09:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 3, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9832, registered March 18, 2016.
4. **File No. PLSRA2015028:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 20, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-9819, registered February 22, 2016.
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The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, April 14, 2016** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, April 28, 2016**.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 7th day of April, 2016



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Far left, attendees of the opening reception for *Here* examine some pieces at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery April 1. Left, artist Hendrika Sonnenberg talks about her work.

DARREN LUM
Staff

Here explores sense of place at AJG

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

After 25 years of exhibiting their work in major cities such as Toronto, New York, Chicago, Berlin Brussels, England and Budapest, the artistic team of Chris Hanson and Hendrika Sonnenberg are showing their latest creative collection, called *Here*, at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden.

Gallery curator Laurie Carmount introduced the two to a diverse crowd, consisting of young and old and everybody in between at their opening reception on Friday, April 1.

Carmount said the artists wanted to let the audience speak first and share what they thought about the exhibition, which includes a collection of framed photo collages, featuring cut photos with visual cues of the Highlands represented through a variety of moody scenes. They are produced using coloured polystyrene and are blended with cut photos from the model set from their eight-minute stop-motion animated film *The Way Things Are*. The film is on a continuous loop in a separate part of the gallery space.

The audience offered complimentary words such as “awesome,” “great,” and “here and now.”

One audience member called it “lovely and playful, fun and it makes you smile.”

Before the reception, the pair spoke with the Times about their current exhibition, which blends past work with work they’ve created since they’ve moved to Minden.

The pair moved here from Brooklyn, New York, close to two years ago, taking residence in the old farmhouse that was the former Campbell’s Flowers building along Highway 35. It’s a welcomed change from the urban life they have led, they said.

This move wasn’t by accident, as Sonnenberg’s family has cottaged in the area for close to 50 years.

The two met in Halifax and started collaborating. Then they moved to Montreal, Chicago and, most recently, New York.

They insist that Minden is not that different from these urban centres they called home before.

“I think you don’t need to be in an urban centre and pay outrageous rent for a tiny shoebox studio. Part of the reason we moved up here is we just built a new studio in town and it’s really great,” Hanson said, referring to the completion of their studio close to Christmas.

They’re considering the studio for possible short-term

“
The show is about the transition
between where we were and where
we are now.

— HENDRIKA SONNENBERG, ARTIST

exhibitions, a music venue, or an opportunity for an artist residency.

Connectivity to the world through the Internet and social media enables opportunities to remain connected, even from their rural base, Hanson said.

Sonnenberg said the move allows them to continue to make art without having to find work to make it happen. In New York, she said, the costs were prohibitive and it was far more

difficult in terms of finances.

They love the beauty of their new home, a farmhouse originally built close to 1850, particularly compared to the “shoebox” of an apartment they had in Brooklyn.

Sonnenberg didn’t like the pattern of older buildings being torn down there and believes older homes offer more.

“There’s something a little magical about living in an old home,” she said.

Both artists have really loved meeting the people and have appreciated the winter months when the snow blankets the town for how it transforms the way things look and how it brings a silence.

“I have to say I love the summer, but there is something about winter,” Sonnenberg said. “The show is about the transition between where we were and where we are now. I think it is ... exploring this notion. I guess it’s a philosophical approach to looking at things. Being here and being there.”

The stop-motion short film created in New York features miniaturized versions of some of their previously exhibited sculptures like a drunken lamppost and a Zamboni in an urban setting. The film shows the inanimate objects brought to life, interacting in a fantastical world where the city space is devoid of people or animals. It’s set to a moody score.

When it comes to this exhibition, Hanson said he and Sonnenberg have their own understanding, their own anchors to work from, but for everyone who views their work, it is their sense and belief that is equally important in the message.

Sonnenberg added that part of the message of the art is up to the viewer.

“Art, it’s about looking and exploring,” she said. “And, basically, they have to complete the work ... in the sense they have to go in there and have their own experiences,” she said.

Learn more about the artists and their work through their website at www.bucketofblood.info

Refugee committee to host fundraiser at Rhubarb

by **ANGELICA INGRAM**
Times Staff

With approximately \$46,000 raised to date, the Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee has made significant strides since it was established last fall.

On Sunday, April 10 the committee is looking to add to that total with a Community FUNdraiser to be held at Rhubarb restaurant in Carnarvon.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the evening will include hors-d’oeuvres, wine, local beer and live entertainment provided by Chris Smith and the High Winds Duet, said fundraising committee spokesperson Chris Lynd.

“There are amazing live and silent auction items such as a boat cruise package by Highland Boat Tours on the Lady of the Lake, a Bonnie View Inn gift certificate, an all-you-can eat pizza party for 10 by Into The Blue Bakery, a three night cottage getaway on Lake Kashagawigamog, tickets to the Ottawa Senators and much more,” wrote Lynd in an email to the *Times*. “Some of the food has also been donated by local businesses and individuals to assist with costs.”

A subcommittee of the HRSP, the fundraising committee

came up with the idea when Rhubarb owners Terri Mathews-Carl and Chris Carl offered to host an event.

“They were so generous with their offer that our committee quickly jumped on board,” wrote Lynd.

Much attention was brought to the refugee crisis in Syria during the fall of 2015, with the Canadian government pledging to welcome 25,000 individuals to the country, which has since happened.

The media attention resulted in a number of communities embracing Syrian refugees and Haliburton was no exception.

Last fall a committee focused on bringing a family to Haliburton County was formed, working tirelessly ever since.

“We are working through AURA (Anglican United Refugee Alliance),” wrote Lynd. “A representative from that organization came to speak with us in the fall and the 60 people present were even more enthusiastic. Since then we have created seven subcommittees to assist with health, transportation, English as a second language, fundraising, housing and navigating a new community.”

While the committee is still awaiting news on when a family might arrive, that hasn’t slowed down their commitment or progress, with \$46,000 raised to date. Funds from the upcoming fundraiser will go towards supporting a family for

one year.

HRSC spokesperson David Barker has visited with all of the local churches and service clubs, and has received support from them, as well as from businesses, individuals and organizations.

“The community has been very generous in helping to support bringing a refugee family to Haliburton County,” wrote Lynd.

The committee is grateful to all those who have gotten on board with the initiative and look forward to what the future holds.

“The Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee find themselves in the same situation as many other community groups as the federal government adjusts to the demands of groups and organizations all over the country who are mobilized, financed and eager to welcome one or more refugee families into their communities,” said Lynd. “It is a wait and see situation right now but we and our 75 or 80 committed volunteers have not lost our enthusiasm or resolve.”

Tickets to the Rhubarb event are \$50 a person and can be purchased by calling 705-489-4449, or by dropping into Rhubarb, located at 9201 Highway 118.

Schmale had largest election budget, report shows

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale had the largest campaign budget of the four candidates for the riding in last October's federal election, a report from Elections Canada shows.

Schmale's grand total of contributions, loans, transfers and other cash flows was just short of \$114,000.

For NDP candidate Mike Perry, that figure was just more than \$57,000; for Liberal candidate David Marquis \$51,500; and for

Green Party candidate Bill MacCallum less than \$20,000.

The report shows that none of the local candidates used loans.

Schmale raised the most in contributions, a total of nearly \$36,000 from 131 contributors. Perry had nearly \$24,000 in contributions from 119 contributors and MacCallum nearly \$10,000 from 19 parties.

Marquis used no contributions, the entirety of his cash flow coming from a transfer from the local Liberal riding association of \$51,500.

MacCallum received about \$8,500 from

his riding association, Perry more than \$33,000 and Schmale more than \$41,000.

Grand totals for election expenses themselves were more than \$62,000 for Schmale; more than \$52,000 for Perry; just less than \$50,000 for Marquis; and just less than \$20,000 for MacCallum.

Both Marquis and Perry outspent Schmale on advertising with respective totals about \$31,000. Schmale spent just less than \$25,000 on advertising, MacCallum about \$7,500.

Schmale outspent his opponents on voter contact calling services, spending nearly

\$13,000. Marquis spent \$6,500 and neither Perry nor MacCallum registered voter contact calling costs.

Schmale also had the most office expenses at more than \$15,000. Perry's office expenses were just less than \$12,000, Marquis's \$4,300 and MacCallum's less than \$350.

Schmale, a former radio journalist who served as executive assistant to former MP Barry Devolin for 11 years, took 45 per cent of the vote in the riding in the Oct. 19 election. Marquis finished with nearly 32 per cent of the vote, Perry 19.5 and MacCallum four.

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Flood of emotion

SPRINGTIME is flood season in Haliburton County, particularly in Minden, where the hearty pioneers who settled the place, God bless 'em, built the community on a flood plain.

It's common this time of year, as the snowpack melts and as spring rains pour from above, for the Gull River to surge its banks.

Part of the feeder system for the Trent Severn canal, there's the added complication that the Gull River is a conduit, the water from the chain of reservoir and flow-through lakes north Minden making its way through the village and passing through a relatively small dam at the foot of Gull Lake.

The river often swallows up chunks of the Riverwalk pathway that snakes its way around the Gull in Minden's downtown and sometimes submerges the town dock near the intersection of Water Street and Bobcaygeon Road.

Sometimes it get much worse than that.

Anyone who was around for it remembers the flood of 2013, which left parts of Minden underwater, and the township in a state emergency, for three weeks.

The images are still imprinted vividly on our minds. Residents of Anson Street evacuating the area, some who chose to stay getting to and from their homes by boat. Walls of sandbags standing guard along Water Street. The downtown empty, quiet and lined with sandbags. The bridge that spans the Gull River in Minden's downtown finally closed when it became questionable how much more it could withstand, the water getting eerily close to its surface.

There was extensive property damage, some people losing their homes and cottages.

When the Gull begins to swell the way it did last week, our collective anxiety swells with it. It's impossible for it not

to, the emotions from 2013, to use an obvious and terrible pun, flooding back.

We tense and we wait, subject to the whims of Mother Nature and the wisdom of the folks at Parks Canada, which controls the TSW.

Things have improved since the 2013 flood, as a direct result of the 2013 flood.

When the water began to rise last week, Minden Hills township began sending out media releases with safety tips, locations for residents to pick up sandbags, road closures, etc., those releases continuing throughout the weekend and into this week.

The township website has been continually updated, with residents able to sign up for email alerts.

Minden Hills also recently struck an emergency management program committee.

However, protecting Minden proper from flooding will, in the not-so-distant future, likely require some physical changes to the village's downtown.

Last week it was difficult not to think how much worse

the situation might have been had the winter snowfall not been so skimpy this season.

If we're inclined to listen to scientists, we know that extreme weather is going to become more frequent and more extreme as time goes on. The manic weather we've experienced lately seems to demonstrate that.

Municipalities need to arm themselves against these changing weather patterns and in Minden Hills, while it will be an expensive and cumbersome process, at some point that will entail making alterations along the river, be it the heightening of banks, addition of retaining walls, widening the waterway in some places, etc.

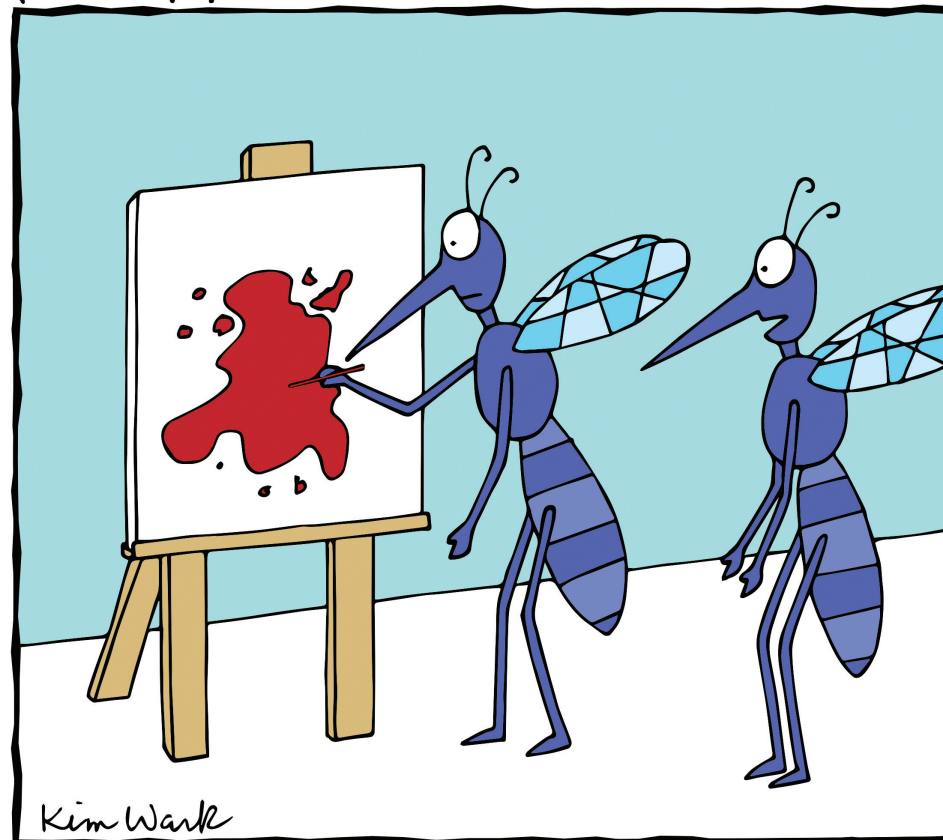
With the Gull River expected to crest about the time this column will be published, it seems like we've managed to avoid disaster this year.

But there is no guarantee for next.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

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Kim Wark

"DRAWING BLOOD AGAIN?"

New rod tips

YESTERDAY, while telling a friend about the new nine-weight fly rod I picked up for pike, he said something that I found very old-fashioned and somewhat troubling.

"What's the boss of your house going to say when she sees that?" he said smugly.

Frankly, I was shocked by this. First, that he assumed my spouse and I were not absolute equals in our relationship. And, second, that he thought I, a mature man in my 50s, had not already come up with a really good plan.

I've written about this before, but I think it bears repeating. You cannot call yourself a serious angler these days unless you have mastered the art of smuggling in expensive fishing rods to your house.

Of course it is not easy. When you purchase your first expensive fishing rod, your spouse is sure to notice. There is really no way around it.

She might not make a big deal of it, but she will say, "I bet that's an expensive fishing rod."

To which you'll reply, "How did you know? The titanium guides? The Grade-A cork handle? The attention to detail in the guide wraps?"

And she will answer, "No, this is the first one you've brought to bed."

Fortunately, it gets easier.

There comes a point in an angler's life where you can simply rely on the safety of the herd. This happens when you have so many fishing rods in the herd that no one but you would notice if one came or went. I have, happily, arrived at that point.

Until you get there, however, you must rely on guile and cunning. One of my favourite ways of getting buy-in on a second rod is the old broken rod trick.

New anglers believe that a broken rod is a horrible thing. Experienced anglers understand, however, that it is a joyous opportunity and cause for celebration – so long as the rod is not yours.

Basically, the old broken rod trick works like this. After a fishing trip, leave your rod in the back seat of your truck or some other place no one in their right mind would ever look. Then, with a broken fishing rod borrowed from a friend, walk into the kitchen. Once there, lay the broken rod on the table, look at it and mope or sob quietly until

your spouse eventually notices that she can't set the table for dinner until you move.

At this point, she might ask, "Are you going to remove that five-piece rod from the table."

This is your golden opportunity to tell her it was a four-piece rod until it ran into the car door.

Naturally, she will assume that you broke it and the rod is yours.

Typically, it takes a week of spontaneous crying and the wearing of sunglasses and a black arm band before most spouses will say, "Have you ever considered taking up jogging?"

That's when it's time to sit on the couch and threaten to binge-watch fishing shows for the entire weekend.

My experience is this will immediately cause her to panic and say, "Maybe you should get another rod and actually go fishing."

And that is how you get your second rod.

The good news is you can hold your head up high because you were not dishonest. But there's even an upside if she discovers your ploy after the fact and thinks differently. You'll have a broken rod to lend a friend.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Open mouth, insert ...

I THINK IT IS TIME THAT JUSTIN THE GOOD sat down for a serious heart to heart with his No. 1 policeman, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

The Commish is a political train wreck waiting to happen. He's been close to running off the rails several times now, causing his political bosses some embarrassment.

His latest public relations disaster was last week in a speech to the Vancouver Board of Trade where he noted that it is reasonable for the public to expect police officers to be held to a higher standard.

Later, he drew some laughs when he told about vacationing in British Columbia and being stopped for speeding by one of his own officers. B.C. is one of those provinces where RCMP do highway patrol.

He related how shocked the officer was when he realized he had pulled over his boss. Chuckles all around and that was the end of the amusing anecdote - until a reporter asked the obvious question: did he receive a speeding ticket?

"Oh, that was just a story I made up," the commissioner replied.

Questioned further, he reversed himself and said the story was true. Pressed harder on whether he received a ticket, he said he didn't want to talk about it, then admitted he did not.

You have to be awfully dim, or having a really off day, to think that story could be told without anticipating the obvious follow-up questions. It shows bad judgment on the commissioner's part.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Paulson is building quite a history of bad judgment. The news media often refers to his shoot-from-the-lip style. He has been dressed down by three different federal public safety ministers, the department to which he reports, since his appointment in late 2011.

In 2012 he apologized and repaid the federal government \$912, the cost of having on-duty RCMP honour guard assigned to his wedding.

Documents obtained recently by journalists reveal that Paulson had to issue another apology in 2012. The government ordered him to apologize to a subordinate for intimidating and demeaning behaviour.

Staff Sgt. Tim Chad of B.C. complained to Paulson after the commissioner distributed a video lecture to all detachments on needed improvements and getting rid of the force's bad apples.

"We are not all a bunch of screw-ups but it is evident we are all being lumped into that category and we are not valued and trusted," Chad wrote in an email.

Paulson replied that Chad is "living under a rock" and that his complaints "reveal an ill-informed arrogance" that is "at the heart of what ails us."

Another B.C. officer then complained that the commissioner's response to Chad was "aggressive, insulting, arrogant, condescending and immature."

The government obviously agreed and then-public safety minister Steven Blaney ordered Paulson to apologize. Ralph Goodale, the latest public safety minister, has said nothing about Paulson's most recent judgment misadventure, but no doubt is watching closely.

Back in February, Goodale told Paulson that he wants to see a plan to end "toxic workplace behaviour" in the RCMP. That came after reports of alleged bullying, sexual touching and nudity at the Canadian Police College in Ottawa.

Goodale also has asked the RCMP watchdog to take a new look at bullying and harassment within the RCMP. The watchdog earlier reported that the RCMP needs swift, effective action on complaints about bullying and harassment.

Paulson was in trouble with another public safety minister, this one Vic Toews who was replaced by Blaney. Toews ordered Paulson in 2012 to rewrite an action plan to address findings of gender bias in the RCMP.

That's a lot of serious sit-downs with your bosses. The next one might be with the boss of them all, the Prime Minister. Trudeau, when he appointed Goodale told him he wants an RCMP workplace that is free from harassment and sexual violence.

No doubt he is not amused at Paulson's stumbles, and he likely is becoming impatient. He should be. Paulson has had four years to change the RCMP. He boasts of some success, but it is clear that he has done nothing to change his own style.

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A Place Called Home closes Haliburton office

After several years of providing a suite of homeless prevention services to the County of Haliburton, A Place Called Home is passing the torch.

Three years ago, A Place Called Home had an opportunity to address what was viewed as a challenging problem: how to provide better homeless support services to the County of Haliburton.

"The reality of the geographic nature of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County is that residents understandably don't want to move out of their community and away from their support systems to access services," says Lorrie Polito, executive director of APCH. "The large and remote area of Haliburton County, with such a large seasonal population, is complicated and more difficult to serve and is a monumental challenge for both residents and service providers."

Recognizing this, in 2013 the agency applied to the federal Homeless Partnering Strategy funding stream and were approved to operate a pilot project to look at how best to serve the community's needs. The response was significant with hundreds of calls for help coming in the first year, with the greatest need being assistance with heat and energy related crises (hydro, heating oil, propane and firewood).

Following the 6-month pilot, APCH was awarded an 18-month grant to continue operations until March 31, 2016.

"We are very proud of the programs we created and the services we offered in Haliburton County where there was nothing like it previously," stated Polito.

"This feels like the right time to pass on the administration of these services to those in the community who are now equipped to move forward with the work we began, offering hope

and services to those who face housing crises in Haliburton County."

"Our agency feels strongly and understands the importance of not duplicating services," says Polito. "With the opening of the City of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Help Centre and the growth of Heat Bank Haliburton County, the majority of the services we originally launched have been picked up by at least one of these groups. The decision has been made to re-focus on our core program: providing emergency shelter to families, youth and adults who are without a home. We are confident that Heat Bank Haliburton County, being an organically rooted service with a history and familiarity of the community, is well positioned to take over where we are leaving off for a number of our previous services."

In addition to the services being provided by the Housing Help Centre, Heat Bank Haliburton County will continue to assist county residents with heat and energy specific concerns. HBHC committee member Tina Jackson says, "as one of our founding agencies, we give thanks to A Place Called Home for the work that they have done to date to improve the lives of those impacted by poverty and housing-insecurity in our community. They filled a critical gap in services for those struggling to maintain their homes and raised awareness of the issues of rural homelessness within our community. Heat Bank Haliburton County will carry on providing support to those struggling with heat and hydro-related crises and will work with our community partners to deliver unique programming that aims to keep people housed."

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Sunshine List includes educators, county staff and hospital employees

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The OPP are refusing to release a staff list of the Haliburton Highlands detachment for the purposes of public salary disclosure.

“Thank you for your request, but due to the operational nature of your request, that is something that cannot be provided by the OPP,” communications officer Dianna Dauphinee wrote in an email to the paper. “If you wish, you can make a request through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.”

The detachment has released staff lists to the paper in previous years and the paper has filed an FOI request.

Last year, 22 officers from the detachment made what is often referred to as the “Sunshine List,” a legislated public posting of public sector salaries above \$100,000 per year. Salaries ranged from \$106,000 to \$138,000 for the detachment commander.

A number of senior staff members at the County of Haliburton were on the list for 2015, including the EMS director and paramedic chief who earned \$133,440 and two deputy-chiefs who each made just more than \$102,000.

The former treasurer, who retired earlier this year, made \$114,265; the library CEO \$106,260; human resources director \$105,550; the retired chief administrative officer, who worked part of last year, \$105,990; and tourism director \$104,775.

The current county chief administrative officer and roads director both started work mid-year and did not appear on the list under Haliburton County.

At the lower-tier level, the Minden Hills CAO/treasurer made \$125,680; Algonquin Highlands CAO \$122,250; Algonquin Highlands treasurer \$102,240; and Dysart et al CAO just more than \$106,000.

Within the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, principals at ASES, JDH and Wilberforce and Cardiff elementary schools made around \$117,000, while the ASES vice-principal made just more than \$102,000.

The principal at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was paid \$126,400.

The board of education director was paid more than \$186,000.

At the Haliburton Fleming College campus, the principal earned \$130,000 while two instructors made just more than \$103,000 each.

The college president made more than \$280,000.

Eight employees at Haliburton Highlands Health Services made the list, including six nurses with salaries ranging from \$102,000 to \$117,000, a technologist at \$130,000 and the former CEO, who was dismissed by the board last November, made \$180,000.

At the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, 10 employees made the list, from the manager of clinical services at \$106,000 to the health unit’s medical officer of health at just less than \$300,000.



Raising funds for the fair

The Country Hot Flashes, featuring Scott Russell and Ron Lister played a fundraiser for the Haliburton County Fair on April 2. The musical group performed classic country tunes, such as Merle Haggard's Tonight The Bottle Let Me Down. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



There was no shortage of dancing at the SG Nesbitt Community Centre on Saturday, April 2 for a dinner and country music show fundraiser in support of the Haliburton County Fair. The evening included a ham and scalloped potato dinner and music by The Country Hot Flashes, featuring Scott Russell and Ron Lister. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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Library Lunch and Learn to feature well-known author

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

When Mary Trepanier was at a fundraising gala, she kept getting outbid on a painting she had her eye on.

President of the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library, Trepanier wanted to find out who her competition was on a Group of Seven print she wanted and when she did, she was taken aback.

"I looked and thought who's bidding against me and saw Wayson Choy," she laughs. "I said Wayson Choy! I have his book. And he gave me a grin and I overpaid for it."

A familiar face around town, Choy has been frequenting the Highlands for some time, as he visits friends who are in the area, said Trepanier.

The FOHCPL president said Choy offered his time and talent to the organization, if they were ever interested, and they were.

On Wednesday, April 13 the FOHCPL will be hosting a Lunch and Learn event featuring Choy as the guest speaker, to be held at the Community Room in Haliburton.

An acclaimed author, Choy has penned many best selling novels including *The Jade Peony*, *Paper Shadows* and *All That Matters*.

"While he was doing *All That Matters* he took very ill," said Trepanier. "And because of that experience he rewrote *All That Matters*."

The FOHCPL president said the only indication Choy gave the organization on what his talk would be about is this quote: "I don't believe in ghosts, but they won't leave me alone."

"I think he's going to be really entertaining," she said. "I think he has some things to say about life."

Born in Vancouver, Choy, 76, has written books that have been nominated for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Governor General's Award.

He has also been named a member of the Order of Canada.

Money raised by FOHCPL goes towards purchasing enhancements for the eight branches of the Haliburton County public libraries, said Trepanier.



Acclaimed author Wayson Choy will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Lunch and Learn event to take place on April 13. Choy has penned many best selling books, including *The Jade Peony*. File photo

"Friends raised money last year for a computer station," she said. "It's a preschool station. We have four in the system ... 9,000 visits have been made to those four. We want to get them into more branches."

The Lunch and Learn begins at noon with a buffet lunch,

followed by Choy's presentation.

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A Try-it-Fair is designed to showcase skills development in Haliburton County for employment, literacy, and fulfillment.

It's tradeshow format will be a chance for people of all different ages and interests to find out more about skills, businesses and opportunities in the area.

The project is in the planning phase as Library staff are preparing a grant application.

If you're interested in being part of the planning phase, or have some skills/equipment you can offer, please contact Autumn at 705-457-4700 or autumn@haliburtonchamber.com

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Local skaters proud of provincial skating achievement

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Talking to the senior bronze dance pairs team it's apparent the members are as different as night and day.

Haliburton's Isaac Little is very comfortable talking while his skating dance partner Minden's Ruthie Parker would rather let her skating do the talking than explain their fourth place at the 2016 Skate Ontario Championships on March 20 at the Countryside Sports Complex in Sudbury.

However what the Minden Figure Skating Club members share is a passion for skating and the enviable red jackets, awarded only to skaters successful in making the provincial championships.

Little is proud about the jacket and the result of the hard work put in by the pair, who have improved drastically since coming together in October.

"We came from being so pathetic. We didn't know the steps [of our dance number] to [we] should have won bronze. It just feels good because I know we did our best. That's all we can do," he said, referring to narrowly missing of the podium.

The eastern Ontario representatives were edged off the podium by a little more than two tenths of a point by the team of Shannon Woods and Pier Nauta of the Thamesford Skating Club.

Little explains that initially when the results were announced he and Parker were named as the third place finishers. They were elated and had little reason to doubt it because the team they were chasing in the standings finished behind them after the last skate. However when there was a correction announcement placing them fourth, it left them disappointed, but not displeased with their effort.

The satisfaction they felt despite the result is owed to the team's improvement over the season, which came from the pairs change in mindset and is owed to their coaches, Little said.

"We just decided to buy in to what the coaches were telling us. That would be Jane Symons and Dave Hollows, mostly," he said.

The two skaters are strong friends off the ice and have known each other for close to five years.

"It just made it easier because when you know someone better you know you can say things to make you guys get better so that you will do your best. You know they won't be offended because you're just trying to make you guys win," Little said.

He's complimentary about his reserved partner, calling her "an amazing skater and a great friend."

"It was great to skate with her because we just made sure we had fun. At all-Ontario's we just made sure to smile that we got to all-Ontario's so just be proud and do our best," Little said.

Parker enjoyed her season and how she finished it.

Although she has skated for 11 years, she valued the accomplishment because it was her first team achievement. She acknowl-

edged the individual achievement and the recognition it provided her club.

The 14-year-old admitted to being very nervous at the EOSIC (Eastern Ontario STARSkate Invitational Championship), the provincial qualifier. The team finished third and she put it behind her at the all-provincials.

Her strong performance at the provincials was owed greatly to improved confidence related to the process in the pairs skating and their friendship.

"I thought we could do it," she said. "We improved a lot so that gave me more courage."

Her partner noticed the difference in her. "This time she was just ready to do it and she skated the best I've ever seen her skate," Little said.

Little, who kept his totals from Winterskate, the first competition en route to all-provincials, shows how they went from barely crossing the 10 point threshold to the 13.40 at the Skate Ontario event.

The dramatic improvement in their scores was owed to better familiarity with the dance steps, she said.

"We improved a lot because we started to ... understand how to do the dance a lot more. That made us better," she said.

Symons said losing by two-tenths of a point "is about as close as you can get."

Despite missing the podium, she is proud of her skaters and said this is an example of how the standard of skating has improved at her club.

Abby Rosik, 10, and part-time member of Fenelon Falls Braydon Lynch, 14, took top spot in the junior bronze dance category at the EOSIC event. Unfortunately, this team did not complete testing by the Nov. 1 deadline and were not eligible to receive their red jacket and compete at the 2016 Skate Ontario Championships.

Symons credits fellow coach Hollows with the bulk of the coaching for the pair. They divided the coaching in that she taught finesse while he was responsible mainly for the power side of things.

Symons said if this team stayed together next year they would be a team of reckoning.

However Little has already decided he will pursue hockey all winter.

He adds he plans to frame his red jacket and skates in a box and hang it on his wall.

Parker understands the decision to continue next year rests with her partner, but she hopes he would reconsider.

Part of his decision rests with being a good partner.

"I don't want to make a commitment to Ruthie and not be able to be there if we have a competition," he said.

He is aware there are a lot people that hope he changes his mind, but he believes this is a great way to end his figure skating.

"It's a good way to end because I know that there really wasn't anything else we could have accomplished. We did what we wanted to do. We strived to get to all-Ontario's and that was really important, really good to me that we did that," he said.



Dance pairs team Ruthie Parker of Minden and Isaac Little of Haliburton are proud of their red jackets, earned for their berth to the 2016 Skate Ontario Championships from March 18 to 20 at the Countryside Sports Complex in Sudbury. Although the Minden Figure Skating club members missed third place by two-tenths of a point, the 14-year-olds are proud of their achievement, particularly since they only came together this past October./DARREN LUM Staff

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HHHS ends year with \$223,000 deficit

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 31 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

The finance committee of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board is projecting a \$223,000 deficit following the end of the organization’s 2015/2016 fiscal year, which was March 31, 2016.

The financial situation is a result of a \$230,000 deficit from long-term care, however it is offset by a surplus from the hospital portion of the budget, reported finance committee member David Gray.

“In regards to this deficit we’ve approached the LHIN in this regard, because we’re basically supposed to operate in a neutral or break even position, with a request that we would fund this out of working fund

reserves that the hospital has, which is basically an accumulation of profits from previous years,” said Gray. “Any money going to fund this deficit is strictly coming from the hospital side, there’s nothing that’s coming from the Foundation, for example, to fund this deficit.”

Gray said the deficit is the result of various issues, including sick and overtime pay, however this situation should not reoccur in the future.

“The objective is to return to a positive position in 2016/2017,” he said.

HHHS currently has reserves in the amount of approximately \$1.2 million.

Palliative care plans move forward

Plummer updated the board on the status of the palliative care suite, which has been in the works for years.

The CEO said HHHS has submitted the next phase to the Ministry of Health and is waiting on approvals.

Plummer said it was submitted at the beginning of March and approvals can take approximately eight weeks to receive.

“Once we do get approval from this phase we will be able to go to tender for the project,” she said. “We haven’t heard anything back from the ministry but in this situation no news is good news.”

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation executive director Dale Walker said at this point the foundation is not going to actively campaign for the palliative centre, as the organization needs to feel confident in the project moving forward.

To date \$900,000 has been raised for the palliative expansion and the foundation can finish the campaign in the upcoming fall and winter months, said Walker.

Staff recognized

Interim CEO and President Carolyn Plummer reported to the board that a number of long-serving staff members were hon-

oured at a recognition event held on March 30.

Five staff members receives a 25-year award, another five received a 30-year award and one individual received a 35-year award, said Plummer.

“It was great to recognize the contribution and the dedication and loyalty of our staff members. I think it speaks volumes to what a great place this is to work at,” said Plummer.

Taste of Italy no more

The Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is switching it up this fall with their annual October fundraiser.

In past years the group had organized an Italian themed night at the Legion, however this year the event will be hosting an “International Night,” reported auxiliary president Tracey Lear.

This year marks the auxiliary’s 45th anniversary.



North Zone champs

The Archie Stouffer Elementary School Wildcats mixed volleyball team of Austin Boylan, front, centre, Baylie Stover, from left, middle, Sophia MacPhee, Cheyenne Legace, Nathan Guild, Lillie Fendley and Sofie Mills; Macy Thompson, from left, back, Kaelem Little, Kadin Card, Jamie Crowe and Teresa Bird celebrate winning the North Zone Mixed Volleyball Tournament last week. This team of Grade 3 and 4 student athletes advanced to the district level by defeating Bobcaygeon 2-0 (25-23 and 27-25) and Langton 3-2 (25-20, 18-25 and 15-11). Absent for the photo is Charlotte Moynes. Submitted by Teresa Bird



Wildcats roar

Wildcats player Hailey Anderson, left, looks on, as teammate Haley Boylan bumps the ball with Gillian Rosik and Matea Cameron during a game at the North Zone Girls Volleyball Tournament at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton on Tuesday, March 29. /DARREN LUM Staff



ASES volleyball player Ruthie Parker, left, crouches while teammate Haley Boylan volleys the ball during a game at the North Zone Girls Volleyball Tournament at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton on Tuesday, March 29. The tournament included the JDHES Jaguars, Bobcaygeon Lakers and the Langton Trailblazers. /DARREN LUM Staff

Notice



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

May 4th, 2016
The Royal Canadian Legion
~ Mabel D. Brannigan Branch 636 ~
Minden

Annual General Meeting and Election of officers and executive will be held at the branch on Wednesday, May 4th at 7:30 p.m.

All Legion members are encouraged to attend. Membership cards will be required in order to vote.

The nomination board will be on display at the branch from April 6th.



Matea Cameron volleys a serve, as teammates Gillian Rosik and Hayley Boylan look on. /DARREN LUM Staff



ASES volleyball player Matea Cameron, left, looks on, as teammate Grace Kim returns a ball with Haley Boylan and Gillian Rosik looking on. /DARREN LUM Staff

Gardening is cheaper than therapy

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse there is a new sign hanging on the laundry room gallery wall. It reads "Gardening is cheaper than therapy and you get tomatoes." Purchased at Remedy Rx Pharmacy in Minden the sign brings a smile and laundry is not such a chore. Clarence the senior cat, now 18 years old, has also brought a smile of late. After all these years of being aloof he has finally found a friend and become totally devoted to it. For Christmas good friend Dorothy gave me a delightful bear complete with straw hat, gingham dress, purse and a windup key to play Frank Sinatra's "I Did It My Way". When young cat Jake demanded his preferred seat in the glider chair back the Bear was relocated to the loveseat. Clarence found her and became love struck curling up to sleep in her lap most of the day. Fearful that his rough claws would cause damage another bear was substituted this one much larger and made from an old, red woven blanket. To our surprise Clarence didn't even seem to notice the difference and once again sleeps cuddled up to the bear often gazing fondly into its face. After his twelve days of being AWOL four years ago Clarence has been relegated to indoor cat status and this new found friendship makes me feel less guilty when he stands up and looks longingly through the glass as Taffy and Jake go outside.

On Wednesday, April 20 the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will hold its regular meeting at the Lions Hall on Bobcaygeon Road, Minden. The doors open at 6 p.m. with the speaker Ann Louise Smith beginning her presentation at 7 p.m. She will discuss the letters she used to write the book "Canadian Missionary POW on the Death Railway - the WW11 story of Walter C. Anderson, M.D." Everyone is

welcome to attend and there is no charge. For more information please contact Gail at 705-286-2225.

The items donated for the annual "Dinner Auction" on Saturday, April 30 sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development are most impressive. To list but a few there are tickets for a Via return experience from Toronto to Quebec City, tickets to the Stratford and Shaw Festivals along with many accommodation packages and theatre tickets across the Province. This event is held at the fully accessible Galway Hall with adjacent parking. In addition to a delicious full dinner there are the Live Auction, the Silent Auction, a Country Auction and a Loonie Auction. Tickets are \$25/person and sell quickly so please give Diane a call at 705-488-2635 to avoid disappointment. Funds raised are used for community improvements which include to mention one the beautiful hanging baskets and planter barrels of flowers which brighten our town every summer season. At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace visitors constantly remark on the flowers and leave with a very positive impression of Kinmount.

The Haliburton Concert Series has announced its 2016 season opening with "Few and Fewer" on May 7. Guy Few [trumpet, piano and voice] is no stranger to Haliburton County having both performed and served as an adjudicator here before. Together with sensational violinist Mark Fewer and Stephanie Mara they will perform duets and trios by composers ranging from Puccini to Thelonius Monk. The concert will be held at the Northern Lights Pavilion starting at 7:30 p.m. For more information go to haliburtoncs.blogspot.com, call June Smith at 705-457-3272 or email her at june.smith705@gmail.com.

We have welcomed back the Blue Jays and look forward to their home opener this Friday. While the snow has dampened our Spring spirit apparently this has been a great maple syrup season weather wise. Until next week keep busy and well. They go together.

County card scores

by Patti Fleury 488-2938

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March 28 contract bridge at Stanhope: High scoring quartet members were Bruce Armstrong 5,120, Lynn Childs 5,020, Muriel McIntosh 4,970 and Jackie Metcalf 4,720. Doug McIntosh was awarded the Lucky Loonie and there were two Small Slams one by Bruce Armstrong and Doug McIntosh and a second by Jackie Metcalf partnered with Muriel McIntosh.

March 29 contract bridge at Minden United Church: Nancy Ballantyne reports that in first place was Anne Nickson 5,870 then Gerald Bergin 4,190 and Don Ballantyne 3,920. There was one Small Slam over the morning by Gerald Bergin partnered with Anne Manning.

March 29 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Topping the charts at 294 was the duo of Bev Alexander and Al Arbuthnot followed by Ray Lymer and Mary Trumbull 265. Our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with John Platt claimed third spot at 243 while Anne Manning and June Fortune posted the afternoon's low score of 175.

March 29 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading for the ladies were Dwaine Lloyd 235, Vi Howell 200 and Georgina Parkes 199. First for the gents at 244 was Tom Grix then Albert Foster 211 and Ida Young 191. Our reporter Betty Wagar won the major draw with Pat Scadden, Marcel Roussel and Thom Arnold awarded the smaller prizes. There were three moonshots over the afternoon going to Dwaine Lloyd, Theresa Deak and Thom Arnold.

March 29 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: Lone hand honours went to Terry Davis with Rae Dawn Shephard high lady and Betty Hicks low. Ed McDowell took top marks for the gents with Jim MacPherson low man and Rae Dawn Shephard the special prize winner. Thanks to Nancy McPherson for this news.

March 30 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Muriel McIntosh and Diana Spicer 61 percent, Reet Murray partnered with Ev Morgan 53 percent and Irena and Alek Zworski 51 percent.

March 31 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Gail Medcalf 249, Theresa Deak 242, Pat Roussel 225 and Anne Manning 214. First for the gents at 253 was Dwaine Lloyd followed by Bruce Medcalf 246, Doug McIntosh and Tom Grix tied at 200 and Albert Foster 188. There was a three way tie for hidden score amongst Theresa Deak, Pat Marshall and Muriel McIntosh who also won the card draw while our reporter Bev Johnson claimed call 1. Single moonshots landed on Pat Roussel and Albert Foster with John and Theresa Deak each taking two.

March 31 euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that Eileen Gough and Tom Bagshaw held the most lone hands with Irene McDowell and John Deak posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Yvonne Arbuthnot and Howard Smith with Betty Wagar, Neil Darby, Carol Wilson and Irene McDowell taking home the other prizes.

April 1 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Tom and our bridge reporter [3 events] Margo Davidson led at 70 percent followed by Muriel McIntosh and Ross Davies 60 percent, Rhonda Elstone partnered with Rolly Fobert 56 percent and Irena and Alek Zworski 51 percent.

April 1 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Bev Johnson, for lone hands Arthur Forbes, for low hands Pat Bailey and for the special prize our interim reporter Doreen Francis.

April 3 Sunday Big Bucks Euchre at the Minden Legion: Bev Johnson reports that Mary Wareham led at 104 then Tom Orr 92 and Frank Franzen 91 with Raybo Legacy holding the most lone hands.

April 4 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Lone hand honours went to Yvonne Arbuthnot and Lil Mann with Lynn Preston and Betty Sharpe posting the high scores. The afternoon's low was recorded by our reporter Tim Sharpe [welcome back] while Kay Naylor took home the special prize.

April 1 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: From Rose Isaacson the news that Dana Briscoe topped the charts at 314 then Diane Wigley 292 and Gala Newell 267. Pauline Franzen won the draw while single moonshots struck Sam Gaudet, Gala Newell and Vic Ballik with Diane Wigley taking two.

April 4 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Peter O'Reilly, for lone hands Elaine Smith, for low hands Jean Randell and for the special prize Lil Mann. Thanks to Sherin Brown for this update.

Rail Trail Rambles are back this spring

Friends of the Rail Trail (FoRT) are bringing back the Sunday Rambles beginning this Sunday, April 10. Everyone is welcome, and it's free.

Meet at Lochlin Community Centre parking lot, ready to walk the Rail Trail at 11 a.m. sharp. Ramblers plan to gather for a social lunch afterwards at Baked and Battered in Haliburton Village. FoRT, for short, ran this popular series of guided walks exploring different sections of the 34 km long Haliburton County Rail Trail (HCRT) each spring for five years from 2009 until April 2013.

The Rail Trail Rambles series was originally designed to take advantage of the two ATV-free months (April and May) on the HCRT.

As an experiment, FoRT is going to try running Rambles on the HCRT for 10 weeks this season.

"It will be interesting to see if we can recapture the magic of that first round of Sunday Rambles," said Pamela Marsales, chairwoman of FoRT. FoRT is currently on a campaign to rebuild their member-

ship, which began with a retrospective at Rails End Gallery earlier this year and will continue with special events such as the Kevin Callan paddles TAG (Toronto to Algonquin Greenway) lunch at Wanakita on Sunday, April 17. This event will follow a Sunday Ramble.

"There is really nothing else like the Sunday Rambles," said Marsales. "They are relaxed social outings offering free family-friendly, dog-friendly outdoors programming to all ages and abilities. There are always surprising snippets of history, nature and a chance to meet new people. Hundreds took advantage of this over the years; many friendships began and have endured. Each Ramble is unique, visiting different habitat areas and historical features that you wouldn't find any other way. Each includes a planned social lunch 'Après' - also varied and unique, including local flavours and venues. " For more info about the Rambles or the Wanakita lunch, call Marsales at 705-457-4767.

Submitted



50's & 60's Sock Hop

Saturday May 7th

Doors Open at 5:00 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm

Hosted by Canoe FM with DJ Ron Murphy

Location: Haliburton Legion Branch 129

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UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

Haliburton Refugee Sponsorship Committee - Community Fundraiser

When: Sunday April 10, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Where: Rhubarb, 9201 Hwy 118, Minden Hills

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Book your tickets at 705-489-4449 or drop by Rhubarb

MINDEN: Preparation for Breastfeeding Class

When: Monday, April 11, 6-8 pm

Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden.

This free class provides information, tips and support on breastfeeding for parents. To register, call the Health Unit at (705) 457-1391 or toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library Lunch & Learn with Wayson Choy

Author of The Jade Peony, All that Matters, Paper Shadows
DATE: Wednesday, April 13, 2016

PLACE: The Community Room (beside Sears on Hwy 118)

TIME: 12:00pm buffet lunch 13:00pm presentation

PRICE: \$20.00/person (Cash or cheques only)

TICKETS AVAILABLE: Call Brenda at 705 457-2695

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, April 13, 10:30 am to Noon.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 16, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Where: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd, Carnarvon, at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.

Cost: \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult

Leader: Pauline Plooard

Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. You will visit several locations on the Ontario Nocturnal Owl Survey route which she monitors for Bird Studies Canada

For more information or to register contact the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, 705-457-3700, www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

MAPLE LAKE UNITED CHURCH- Ham Dinner

When: Saturday April 16th, One sitting at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Maple Lake United Church - corner of Hwy. 118 and Airport Road

The cost is \$15.00 and children under 12 - \$8.00.

Reservations are recommended by calling Beverly at 705-286-2130 or Pat at 754-2980.

Gift certificates and take-outs will be available for this event

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Topic: Chimney Swifts and Bank & Barn Swallows Research

All welcome. Non-members - \$5.00

For more information see www.hhfn.ca

Adult entertainment in Dorset

DORSETNews

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Have you tried it yet? It's all the rage and the latest thing! It's supposed to be relaxing, a stress buster, therapeutic, calming and a fun alternative to meditation. What is it? Adult colouring! If you've heard about this new trend and want to give it a try, pop in to the Dorset Branch of the HCPL. Sheets and pencil crayons are available for the beginner or more advanced colouring enthusiast! All are welcome and there is no charge to give this latest activity a whirl!

And when you're at the Dorset branch, be sure to check out the seed library. Now is the time to start your plants indoors for transplanting outside in the garden when the warm weather comes. The Haliburton County Seed Library is a free community project which encourages residents to grow some of their own food, to save their own seeds and to share their seeds and knowledge with others. Choose the seeds that you would like to grow from the selection available at the branch, write down the seeds taken in the log book along with the date and your initials - take home and plant - when they go to seed - save some seeds and return to the library. For more information, pop in to the Dorset branch Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. or Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. or give them a call at 705-766-9969.

Tickets are available for the 12th Annual Evening of Wine, Words, Music and Art celebrating the arts in Dorset on Friday, April 15. The evening is lovely, very popular and a great way to rub shoulders with writers, artists, musicians and like-minded arts and culture aficionados. Art, books and CD's will be available for purchase. The art, book & CD walkabout starts at 6:30 p.m., readings and music start at 7 p.m. with an intermission and light refreshments following. Tickets are \$6 each or two for \$10 and are available from the Recreation Centre. This event is limited to those 19 years of age and over. Please email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Purple Tea Party at the Huntsville Place Mall on Saturday, April 16 at 2 p.m. While enjoying tea, coffee and sweets guests will be treated to a variety of local entertainment including a silent auction. Admission is by donation. For information on items and advance bidding, visit www.hospicehuntsville.com or

call 705-789-6878. All funds raised will benefit Hospice Huntsville.

Team Dorset is in its 3rd year of raising funds and awareness for Hospice Huntsville by participating in the annual Hike for Hospice on May 1st. Last year Team Dorset was the top team raising over \$10,000.00. It is a privilege to be fundraising for Hospice Huntsville so they can continue to provide end of life programs and services to those who need them. Dorset is a small community and it is important to us that these services are there for the people who need them in our community. Thank you for your support! It matters to the people who matter to us! For more information about supporting Team Dorset or joining the team, contact team leader Vina Parker at vlp@telizon.ca or 705-766-1810. To donate online, visit www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/hospice-huntsville/HikeforHospice/team/dorset.

Birthday wishes for April 3 to 9 go out to Emily Shortreed, Adam Jones, Rick Morris, Sherri Keown, Katherine Martinko, Karla MacKay, Laura Flynn, Jean MacInnis, Evan Coombs and Connor Crewson. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



Construction continues

Construction continues on the Greystone condo project along Minden's Newcastle Street. Residents of the 15-unit building are scheduled to move in this fall.

Notice



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE

The twentieth Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the HHHS Minden Hospital / Hyland Crest.

2016-17 Membership in the HHHS Corporation is available to any individual who is a resident* of, or who is employed or operates a business in, the County of Haliburton or in the Townships formerly known as Laxton, Digby and Longford, or Bexley or Somerville of Victoria county, or Cavendish and Galway of Peterborough County for a period of at least 12 months immediately prior to the payment of an annual membership fee of ten dollars (\$10).

Membership in the Corporation entitles an individual to vote at any general meeting of the Corporation. **To be eligible to vote at the June 23, 2016 AGM, new memberships must be obtained by May 1, 2016.** Members of the Corporation are also entitled to nominate Directors for election to the Board.

The fee may be paid and proof of membership obtained at HHHS, Haliburton or Minden Business Offices, during regular business hours, or by contacting:

Marlene Vieira
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After growing up in Newmarket and Walkerton, Sandra spent the majority of her life in Waterloo before returning to her family roots in Haliburton County. Throughout her life, Sandra used her personal success to speak up for those who lacked a voice. She worked and raised a family while completing her PhD. With inspiration from her own Mom, Sandra went on to become a tireless advocate for and supporter of older people in society today. Through her teaching of University students, she inspired a generation to continue to help the marginalized and less fortunate. Whether it was as President of OASW, or as a teacher at multiple universities, or just as a wonderful Mom, wife, and friend, those she knew, spoke for, and touched will greatly miss her. "Aging is as natural as the leaf on the elderberry" - Sandra Loucks Campbell



Friends are invited to visit the family at the Ingoldsby United Church, 1741 Ingoldsby Rd. (County Rd. 17), Ingoldsby on Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Sandra's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Church (downstairs).

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Beloved husband of Brenda. Dear father of Anita, Leigh (Danny), Scott (Jenn). Loving Papa of Kiera (Ian), Danika, Jordie, Mariah, Nick, Mass, Issac, Ethan, Lexa, Izzie and Great Papa "GP" of Rhayne and Linclon.

Dear brother of Doreen (Dave), Diane (John). Fondly remembered by Gracie and Stevie and by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to a Gathering to Celebrate David's Life at the S. G. Nesbitt Memorial Community Centre, 55 Parkside St., Minden on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm. Cremation has taken place.

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